

Gosforth East Middle School News



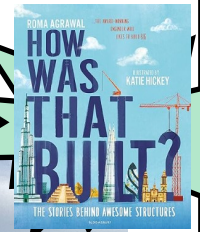
Autumn Term 2

2024



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DT Trip To The Quayside



A few weeks ago, at the end of November, year 5 children and year 6 children went on a class trip in DT to the Quayside to visit and look at how bridges are constructed.

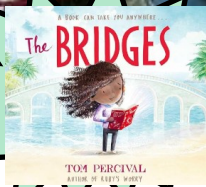
This is the beautiful bridge of the Tyne:



The Tyne Bridge overlooks the glorious red Swing Bridge.

'We learned that bridge frame structures aren't all the same.'

Rosey y5



We jumped on the Millennium Bridge to see if it vibrated because of the rods that hold the bridge in place. The Millennium Bridge lights up at night time!



The High Level Bridge. By Zoe

Handball Tournament

Handball at its best.

Some year 5, year 6, year 7 and year 8 students from GEMS played in the Pre-Christmas Handball Tournament hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club at Benfield Sports Centre on Saturday 30th November. Children from a few local primary and secondary schools, and the handball club's young Viking players took part with huge enthusiasm all afternoon.

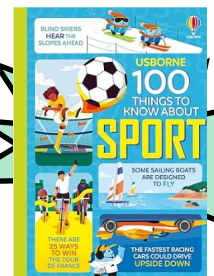
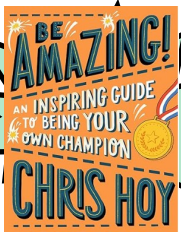


The high intensity through all the matches with some brilliant goals and incredible goalkeepers saves gave us a very entertaining and fun tournament to spectate at and play in. Head Coach Marlen says: "Well done to all the players, who took part with huge enthusiasm, great teamwork and gave it all on the court. I am very proud of them all. I am looking forward to more tournament days like this where they all can come together and play handball matches in a friendly but competitive atmosphere".

Newcastle Vikings Team came out on top, whereof three players are GEMS students: Ruben, Zach, and Magnus. Congratulations to them and their team as winners of this autumn's junior tournament. An amazing achievement! And a massive well done to everyone else also who took part in our tournament day!

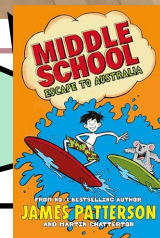
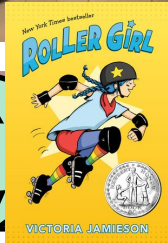


Nathan Harry, Ruben, Fynn, Oscar, Zach, Magnus and Hunain.



Squash Tournament

Year 5 played an inter class tournament. 5CF won!



Boys Badminton Tournament

In November, four year 8s competed in a tournament against 9 other schools. They got 7th place, won lots of matches, and most importantly, had a great time!

By Alex I 6ER



Lit and Phil Trip

On the 28th of November a small group of year 8s went to the Lit and Phil. They participated in a special writing workshop where for about three hours, they wrote about different topics, improving each time.

There is a competition where you enter your writing in three different categories: Fiction (the most popular), Non-Fiction and Poetry (the least popular).

There must be certain requirements that the writing must uphold. I'm privileged to be a part of this amazing opportunity.

By Millie y8



Year 7 Key Trip

Mr Cheetham and Mr Hodgson took year 7s on a trip to Keswick, Lake District. The Key trip is where children come up with an idea and put it up to a panel. If they get approved, they will receive the money to go. The trip encourage pupils to learn how to manage and budget money.

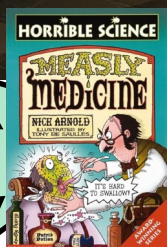
The pupils chose Keswick because they wanted to stay away for a night. We went to a climbing wall, an escape room and we played mini golf!



History Trip to Newcastle Castle

In December, Y7 went on a trip to Newcastle Castle. They took the Metro and climbed up the spiral staircase all the way to the very top. I have actually been to this castle a few times and I know that the view up there is the BEST view in the whole of Newcastle. They could see: the bridges across the River Tyne, St James' Park (the Newcastle football stadium) and Newcastle national rail station. They also learned about Medieval medicine.

By Alex | 6ER



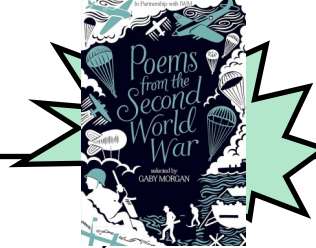
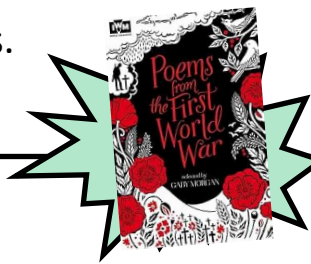
Remembrance Day

On the 11th of November a time comes to think of people who fought for our freedom and to risk their lives to make sure that our generation was the best.

We wear poppy's to symbolise that we are thinking about all the people who risked their lives for us.



By Lola



Trinity Church Visit

Year 5 visited Trinity Church on Gosforth High Street. We looked at the pool where people get baptised and we saw candles in the advent wreath. Three purple, one pink and one white candle. The white candle represents Jesus Christ. The candles get lit during December. The white candle gets lit on Christmas Eve.

We also visited the Quaker house where we did a fun quiz. After the quiz we had a meeting and we prayed. We went downstairs and got a chocolate or a mint. By Eleanor and Amelia



Trinity Church on Gosforth High Street welcomes all at Gosforth East Middle School to its Christmas services!

Celebrate Christmas at Trinity

Sunday 22nd December: Carol Service 6pm

Mon 23rd Dec: Community Carol Singing on Trinity Square 10am

Christmas Eve: Children's Nativity Service 5pm

Christmas Day: 10.30am

All Welcome!

JOY TO THE WORLD

Harry Potter Competition

Congratulations to our competition winners!

All entries were amazing we just *had* to add a fourth place! Well done to everyone who took part.



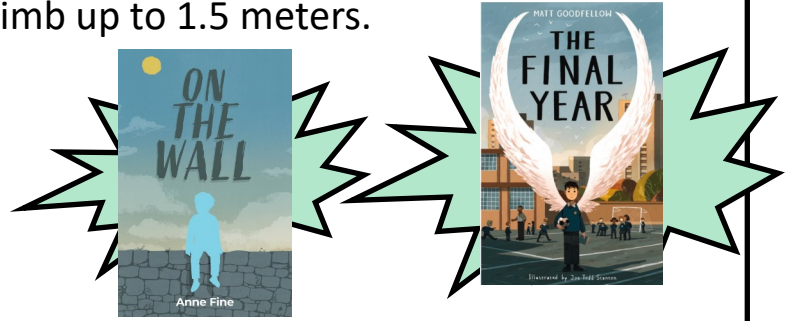
A special thank you to Ruby, Lucy and Chloe who ran the competition by delivering fun assemblies to inform pupils about the competitions and reading through all the entries to choose four winners. They brought a lot of magic into our school this half term!



Tree Climbing



You are now allowed to climb trees at lunchtimes!! Climbing trees is a fun way to get some exercise and stay active. But, you are only allowed on the trees that have tape on them. And you're only allowed to climb up to 1.5 meters.



Interview with Natalie, Play Team:

How does tree climbing effect mental health?

It makes us feel more adventurous and teaches us how to protect ourselves.

Do you think it is a good thing that we are allowed to climb trees?

Yes, as long as you are careful.

By Sammy

THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY

Road safety is very important for you and your mental health, thousands of children around the world are badly injured or even killed crossing roads. Most of them can be teenagers because they are less carless and can be texting or even running across the road.

Here's some top tips for keeping you and you friends safe:

- Always watch where you are going
- NEVER step out onto the road when you are behind a car
- If an emergency vehicle comes when you are crossing quickly walk to the closest side of the road no matter where you are headed



by Zoe y5



We made 16 hampers which include a box AND a gift bag. The hampers are full to bursting so thank you again for your generosity and donations!



Christmas Dinner

It was time again for Christmas dinners!

Were there vegetarian options ?

Yes of course there was miles of choice to suit your preference.

Could you bring in a packed lunch ?

Yes you could if you are not keen on having a dinner you could have packed lunch. By Lola 5CF



Yet another amazing display of GEMS's culinary talents with the Y6 Cook off - great job!





An interview with Mr Hodgson:

When: 12th December

Where: the school hall

Who: the choir, steel pans, solo artists!

What was your favourite song? 'I wish it could be Christmas Everyday!' It's a classic!



"I was in the choir. We sang Symphony, I Wish it could be Christmas Everyday, How Far We'll Go and Christmas Carols. There was lots of people there. There were solo songs and duets too. Some people sang songs that are not Christmas related. It was lots of fun!"

May 5SC



Save the Children FUNDRAISER



Mrs Rudd and the school council organised a



fundraiser event to raise money for 'Save the Children'. Pupils baked cakes and sold them on Thursday 12th December for 50p

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Non-uniform day!

Pupils were invited to come into school in non-uniform on Friday 13th December. They brought in chocolates and sweets for the Christmas fair.



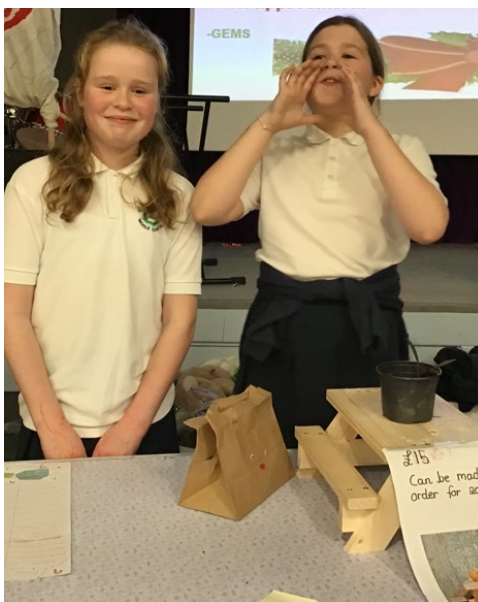
CHRISTMAS FAIR



**We raised
£1600!**

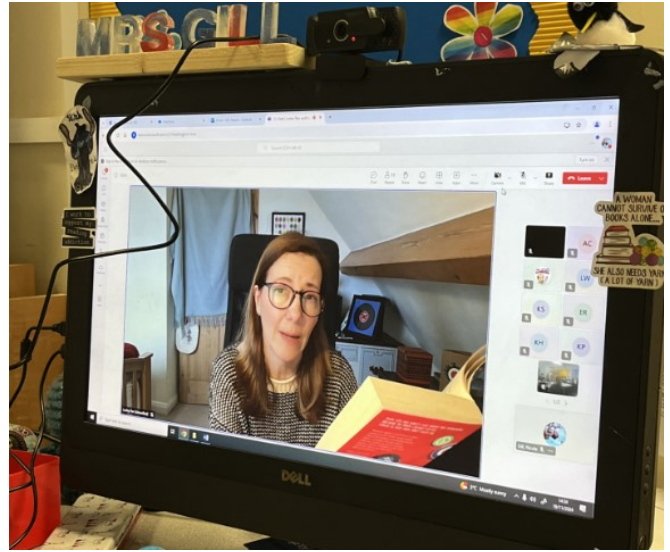


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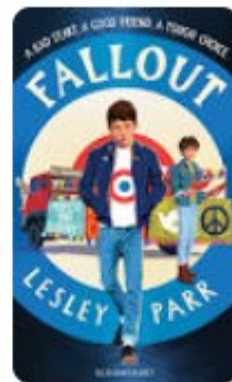
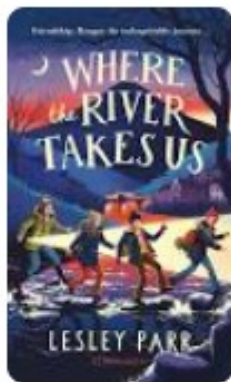
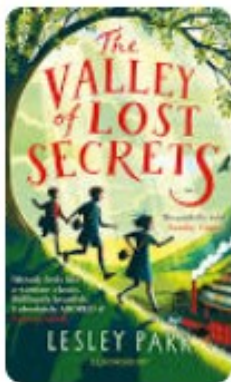


Afternoon with an Author!

On 19th November we were joined online by the incredible Welsh children's author, Lesley Parr. We listened to her talk about her upcoming, her inspirations and a little about her writing process. Lesley is passionate about shining a light on ordinary lives. She told us a little about her historical fiction for children and then focused on her latest novel 'Fallout', which is set in Wales in the 1980s and revolves around protagonist Marcus Pritchard, who is harshly judged by his community for his family ties.



Lesley was lovely and we came away from the event feeling inspired. After Christmas, Mrs Gill will be holding a book group at lunchtime on Thursdays for anyone who wants to 'buddy read' Fallout.



SPARK!
Bronze School

Spark Book Awards News

Our school is one of the first few schools in the country to be awarded with the Spark Bronze School award! The certificate will be arriving shortly to be displayed in the school!

Miss Wilson



Spark Book Awards News:



12 Books of Christmas

In December, the twelve longlisted books of each category were revealed to all!

9+

Ms Gill and Miss McFall are on the 9+ panel. They are currently reading all twelve books to narrow down a shortlist of just four! It is not going to be an easy decision!



Non-Fiction

Miss Wilson is on the Non-Fiction panel. She is also currently reading all twelve books to help narrow down a shortlist of just four! These books look AMAZING!



11+



Staff Reading Recommendations



Emma, Play Team, recommended 'Harry Potter' because it is very good.



Mr Robinson said 'Fish in a Tree', because it was very fun to read and every one in the class loved it .



Natalie, Play Team, recommended 'Dog Man' because graphic novels are so fun and easy to read!



Miss McFall recommended 'Maisie vs Antarctica', one of the Spark Book Awards longlisted books!

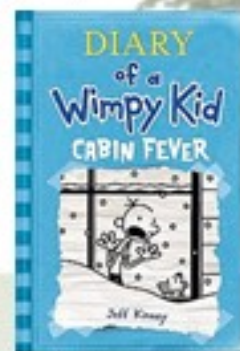
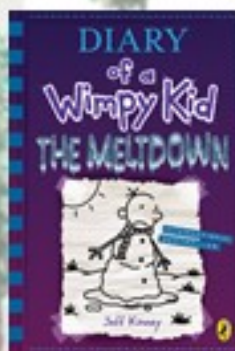
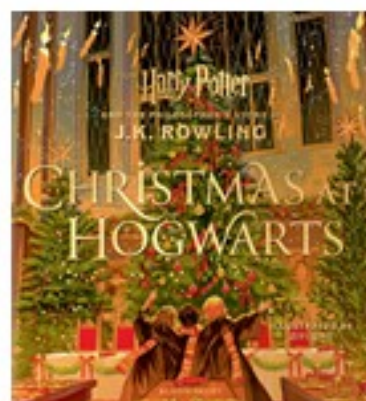
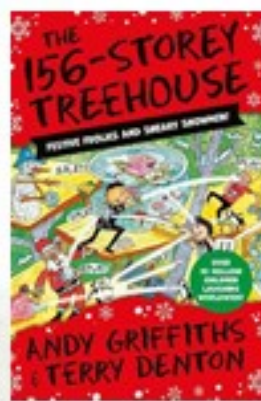
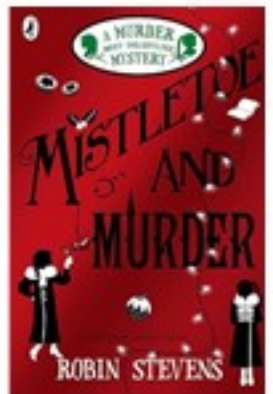
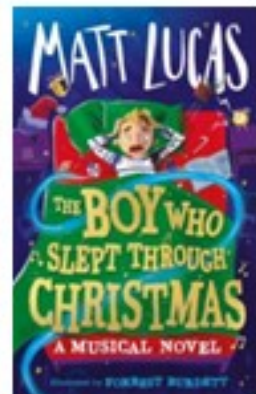


Christmas Stories



Staff read Christmas stories in the cosy reading corner of our library! Mr Hodgson read 'Home Alone', Miss Wilson read 'The Grumpus', Miss McFall read 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' and Mrs Collister read 'The Very Merry Murder Club'.

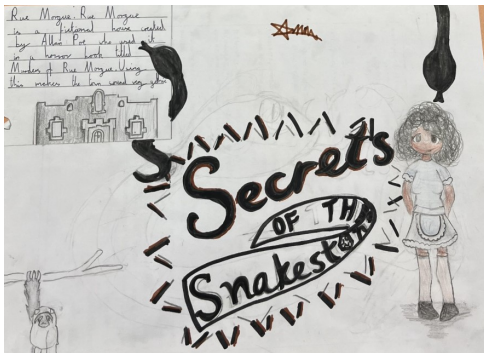
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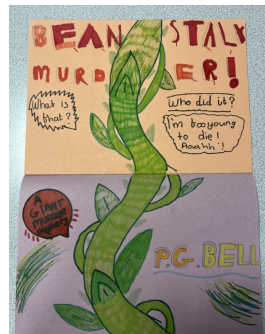
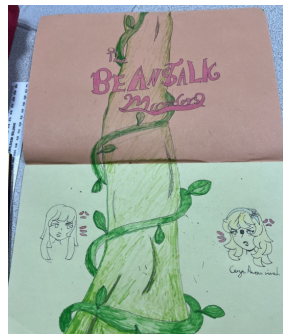
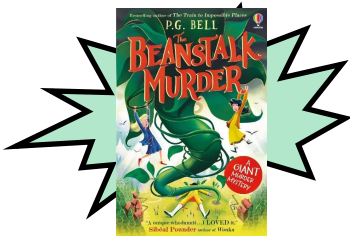
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Year 6 Book Group

We have been enjoying some sssssuperb fiction this term. Just after half-term, we finished Piu Das Gupta's 'Secrets of the Snakestone' with a wrap party featuring snacks befitting a book set in Paris. The children produced some ssstunning responses in their reading journals and we had some great discussions. The author, Piu, commented that Anna's illustration of protagonist Zelig is just how she imagines her!



We are half-way through P.G. Bell's 'The Beanstalk Murder', which is like a fairytale but with a GIANT, murderous twist!



Lego Club in Pictures



The Secrets of Ransom Manor

Part 2

Holding my nose I go in. A flash of bright white light hits me in the face. I'm blinded. "ouch!" I cry out as I stumble over a large and sharp rock randomly sticking out of the decrepit floor. The air smelled of cinnamon and old blood. There were small jewels embellished with the old afternoon light. The wind moaned through the holes in the decaying roof. I can imagine this being some grand and regal ballroom before the old owners. They changed everything. Their names were Alexander and Margret Hughes. They were cruel and secretive, hating the town for just being there. They refused to see people and never had children so the mansion was not passed on and was just left there. They apparently had an illegal trading business and that's how they made their fortune. I need to find it. Where is it? I may be sick. Spiralling stairs loop round me as I steady myself from my dizziness. I feel the cold winter hand hugging my shoulders. A small, rusty knife lies in my spinning ground. I stuff it in my school backpack and tell myself I will find it later. I'm taking it to a knife specialist now. I run. I cry. I die inside. I need to find it. I have to, I just have to. I open Gammy's shop door, he is an antique specialist. Gammy inspects the knife and stares at it open mouthed. I want to snatch it from him. His breath draws in sighing. "This belonged to Alexander Hughes. I have never seen anything like this. My, how did you get it?" I don't want to answer him then he will know what I did. He will know that I went there and stole it. I grab the knife and run. Gammy just looks shocked as I watches me in disbelief. I feel sick. I throw my door open and run inside. I need to find it. Or else...



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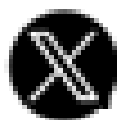


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